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NOTES AND NEWS

PROGRAMME OF THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY Unless otherwise stated, all meetings will be held in the Social Ethics Library, Emerson Hall.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26 8 P. M.

Informal Meeting.

Executive Committee Meeting (Emerson B).

Friday, December 27 9:30 A. M.

1 P. M.

Luncheon at Hampden Café

2:30 P. M.

Discussion: Vitalism and Mechanism

L. J. Henderson H. S. Jennings

H. C. Warren

W. T. Marvin

R. F. A. Hoernlé

5 P. M.

Visit to Widener Library

7 P. M.

Dinner at the Colonial Club

8:30 P. M.

Colonial Club

10 P. M.

Informal Gathering and Smoker at the Colonial Club

Saturday, December 28

9:30 A. M.

1 P. M. Luncheon at Hampden Café

2 P. M.

Realism and Perception	$\dots J.B.Pratt$
Principia Analytica	H. M. Sheffer
Imaginary Inference	$\dots H. B. Smith$
The Definition of Americanism and the Theory of Re	ela-
tions	H. M. Kallen

THE president, Dr. G. E. Moore, opened the fortieth session of the Aristotelian Society on November 4 with an address on "Some Judgments of Perception." The question of the real nature of material things is approached by asking what we are judging when we make such judgments as "This is a coin." Two things seem to be certain, viz. (1) that we are always making some assertion about an immediately given object—an object which has sometimes been described as "the sensation which mediates our perception of the coin in question," and which will be called the sense-datum which is the subject of our judgment, and (2) that what we are asserting about the sense-datum is not, in general, that it is itself a coin. What is doubtful is whether we may not be judging that the sense-datum is itself a part of the surface of a coin, in a sense in which this can only be so if it is identical with "this part of the surface of this coin." This is only possible if, when we seem to perceive that a sense-datum is of a certain size, shape, etc., we really only perceive that it seems to be so, in a sense in which it may seem to be so without being either judged or perceived to be so. Failing this, either (1) there must be some relation such that we are judging "The thing to which this sense-datum has this relation is part of the surface of a coin," and it seems doubtful whether there is any such relation, or (2) we must take some view of the type of Mill's.